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REMARKS

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1. A westbound train of 30 flatcars carrying 30 trucks and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and another westbound train of 25 flatcars carrying six 76.2-mm AT guns and 20 trucks with the troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets departed from Erfurt (M 51/J 36) on 28 and 29 March 1951 respectively.*
2. Between 17 and 27 March, the Soviet komendantura on Regierungsstrasse was staffed by about 50 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets.
3. The Panzer Kaserne of the former German 1st Tank Regt was being reconstructed by numerous workmen. The installation had been completely dismantled in 1945. [redacted] the Panzer Kaserne was being prepared for the quartering of troops.

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- * [redacted] Comment. The shipments may have been linked with field exercises which [redacted] were held in the Meiningen-Hildburghausen area in early April 1951. However, it is also possible that the trains may have gone to Ohrdruf.

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